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CYPRUS-GREECE-TURKEY: ATHENS' ATTITUDE TOWARD PRESIDENT MAKARIOS HAS SIGNIFICANTLY HARDENED AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT CLANDESTINE DELIVERY OF CZECH ARMS TO EQUIP MAKARIOS' PLANNED FORCE.

GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER PALAMAS HAS TOLD THE US AMBASSADOR THAT HIS GOVERNMENT NOW REGARDS MAKARIOS AS AN OBSTACLE TO ANY GREEK-TURKISH AGREEMENT ON CYPRUS. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] PALAMAS GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT ATHENS WOULD LIKE TO SEE MAKARIOS REPLACED. WHEN ASKED HOW ATHENS PROPOSED TO GET MAKARIOS TO TURN OVER THE ARMS, PALAMAS REFERRED TO THE SPECIAL RIGHTS OF INTERVENTION THAT GREECE AND TURKEY POSSESS UNDER THE LONDON-ZURICH ACCORDS. PALAMAS CONCLUDED THE CONVERSATION BY STATING--WITHOUT FURTHER CLARIFICATION--THAT THE ARMS QUESTION "WOULD BE SETTLED IN A MATTER OF DAYS."

MAINLAND GREEK OFFICIALS ARE ANGRY OVER THE ARMS DELIVERY BECAUSE MAKARIOS DID NOT CONSULT GREECE BEFORE IMPORTING THE ARMS AND BECAUSE HE HAS REFUSED TO TURN THE WEAPONS OVER TO THE GREEK-CONTROLLED NATIONAL GUARD ON THE ISLAND. THE MAINLAND GREEKS ARE ALSO WORRIED THAT THE ARMS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE COMMUNISTS, WHO COULD ALIY WITH MAKARIOS IN OPPOSING A PUTSCH BY GENERAL GRIVAS, WHO MAKARIOS SUSPECTS IS GATHERING HIS FORCES TO BRING ABOUT SOME FORM OF UNION BETWEEN CYPRUS AND MAINLAND GREECE.

THE GREEK REGIME, HOWEVER, PROBABLY IS PRIMARILY CONCERNED THAT TURKEY WILL CONCLUDE THAT ATHENS CANNOT CONTROL THE GREEK CYPRIOTS AND THAT THE TURKS THEREFORE WILL SERIOUSLY CONSIDER UNILATERAL INTERVENTION. [REDACTED] ATHENS' ANNOUNCEMENT THAT IT IS EXAMINING AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL THE NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN CYPRUS IS PROBABLY MEANT TO IMPRESS THE TURKS WITH GREEK RESOLVE TO KEEP MAKARIOS FROM DISTRIBUTING THE ARMS. [REDACTED] THE TURKS CLAIM TO VIEW THE ARMS DELIVERY AS A FRESH THREAT TO THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS; THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER HAS SAID THAT AN ARMS SHIPMENT TO THE TURKISH COMMUNITY "MIGHT HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED."

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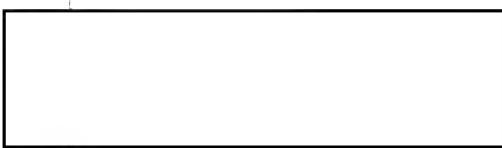
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